

E AND R AMENDMENTS TO LB 956

Introduced by Enrollment and Review Committee: McGill, 26,  
Chairperson

1           1. Strike the original sections and all amendments  
2 thereto and insert the following new sections:

3           Section 1. Section 81-1201.21, Revised Statutes  
4 Supplement, 2007, is amended to read:

5           81-1201.21 (1) There is hereby created the Job Training  
6 Cash Fund. The fund shall be under the direction of the Department  
7 of Economic Development. Money may be transferred to the fund  
8 pursuant to subdivision (1)(b)(iv) of section 48-621 and from  
9 the Cash Reserve Fund at the direction of the Legislature. The  
10 department shall establish a subaccount for all money transferred  
11 from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Job Training Cash Fund on or  
12 after July 1, 2005. Any unexpended or unobligated balance remaining  
13 within such subaccount on July 1, 2010, shall be transferred by the  
14 State Treasurer to the Cash Reserve Fund no later than July 10,  
15 2010. Any obligated amount not transferred from the subaccount that  
16 remains unexpended on July 1, 2009, shall be transferred by the  
17 State Treasurer to the Cash Reserve Fund no later than December 31,  
18 2011.

19           (2) The department shall use the ~~fund~~ Job Training  
20 Cash Fund to provide reimbursements for job training activities,  
21 including employee assessment, preemployment training, on-the-job  
22 training, training equipment costs, and other reasonable costs  
23 related to helping industry and business locate or expand

1 in Nebraska, or to provide upgrade skills training of the  
2 existing labor force necessary to adapt to new technology or the  
3 introduction of new product lines.

4 (3) The department shall establish a subaccount within  
5 the fund to provide job training grants targeted to small  
6 employers, rural employers, and poverty area employers meeting  
7 one of the following criteria: (a) Employ twenty-five or fewer  
8 employees, (b) located in rural areas of Nebraska, or (c) located  
9 in areas of high concentration of poverty within the corporate  
10 limits of a city or village consisting of one or more contiguous  
11 census tracts, as determined by the most recent federal decennial  
12 census, which contain a percentage of persons below the poverty  
13 line of greater than thirty percent, and all census tracts  
14 contiguous to such tract or tracts, as determined by the most  
15 recent federal decennial census. The department shall calculate the  
16 amount of prior year investment income earnings accruing to the  
17 fund and allocate such amount to the subaccount for small, rural,  
18 or poverty area employer grants.

19 (4) Any money in the fund available for investment  
20 shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to  
21 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds  
22 Investment Act.

23 Sec. 2. Section 81-1202, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
24 Nebraska, is amended to read:

25 81-1202 For purposes of sections 81-1202 to 81-1210 and  
26 section 3 of this act, job training grant means a grant from the  
27 Job Training Cash Fund or any nonfederal funding source within the

1 Department of Economic Development awarded by the department.

2           Sec. 3. Whenever practicable, the Department of Economic  
3 Development shall give priority consideration to training services  
4 offered by community college areas.

5           Sec. 4. Section 81-1205, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
6 Nebraska, is amended to read:

7           81-1205 A business which is awarded a job training  
8 grant shall provide annual performance reports to the Department  
9 of Economic Development and a final performance report upon the  
10 completion of the project. The department shall provide an annual  
11 report by December 1 of each year to the Appropriations Committee  
12 of the Legislature. The report shall include information on each  
13 active grant, including specific information regarding the number  
14 of positions to be trained, whether new or existing employees  
15 are to be trained, the length of time that the project has  
16 been active, the amount of funding committed to the project, the  
17 amount of funding paid out to date, and the projected completion  
18 date. The report shall also provide information on grants closed  
19 during the reporting year, including the total number of employees  
20 trained, whether new or existing employees were trained, total  
21 project expenditures, and the duration time of the project. The  
22 department shall also provide information summarizing the use of  
23 community college areas to provide training services and list  
24 specific projects where a community college area is providing  
25 all or a component of the training services. If private or  
26 inhouse training services are used, the department shall provide  
27 information regarding the name of the private or inhouse training

1 service and the qualifications of the training service.

2           Sec. 5. Original sections 81-1202 and 81-1205, Reissue  
3 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 81-1201.21, Revised  
4 Statutes Supplement, 2007, are repealed.

5           2. On page 1, line 4, strike "and rural" and insert "  
6 rural, or poverty area".